

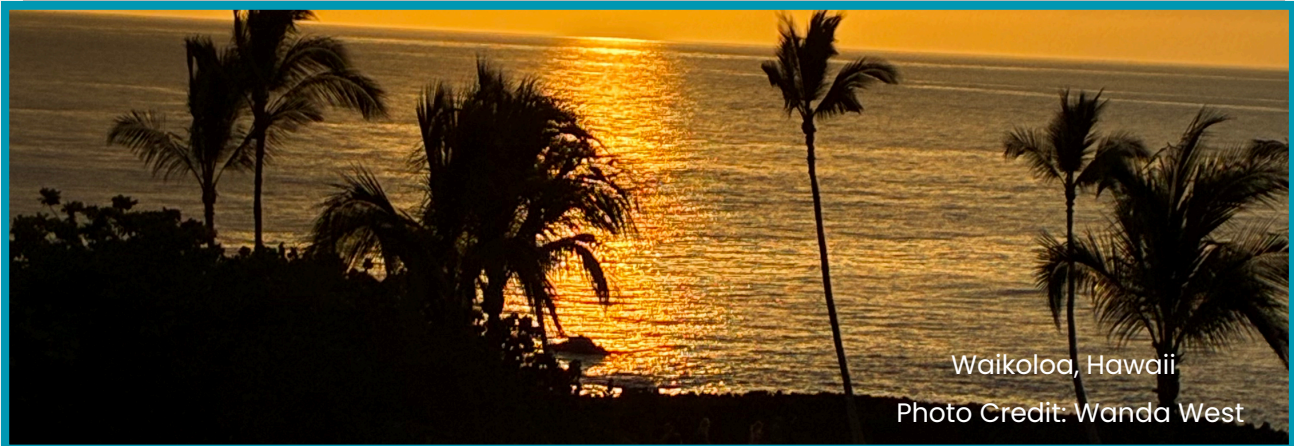
THE WITNESS

You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. Acts 22:15.

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We would like to thank:

All the men that helped with set-up and clean-up, the Ladies Ushers for serving, the Kitchen Committee, the Fish Fryers and Barbecue Grill Master, Program participants and EVERYBODY who helped us celebrate Koinonia (Fellowship) as we continue to celebrate 25 years of Pastor and People.

Know that in all we do, in all we celebrate, God gets all glory and honor!

Rhonda Pleasants
and Trustee Howard Glen



Week #2 Triggered
Bible Study
with Min. Jonathan
Bibbs
**Every Wednesday in
July @ 6:30 p.m**

A- Be Theresa Bracey -266-8143
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C - D Carl Scott -214-7771
E - F Mary Cooper- 262-7847

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SICK AND SHUT IN

Opehlia Daniels
Barbara Jones
Marylou Brent
Larrine Faye
Oliver Coleman
Elnora Jefferson
Annie Thompson
Norma Murray

Ann Gathers
Willie Gathers
Sandra Gray
Thelma McCaskill
Gwendolyn Coles
Doris Johnson
Claudette Baker
Diane Thompson

Kelvin Hill
Betty Williams
Norma Terry
Yvonne Pollard
Steve Lewis
Mr. Maurice Patterson
Mrs. Delores Patterson
Theresa Bracey



Deaconess at McGuire

Happy Birthday U.S. Army. June 14, 1775

Ellen Bracey, Carolyn Solomon and Geneva Turner passed out cupcakes and gift bags to the Veterans at McGuire Hospital and wished them a very happy birthday!



KYLA GOES TO JAPAN

Kyla ga Nihon e iku

カイラが日本へ行く

Konnichiwa! (Hi!)

I'm Kyla West, a rising senior at Trinity Episcopal School and on June 16 I left Richmond, along with 27 of my schoolmates and 4 sponsors, to fly to Denver, Colorado. There we boarded our connecting flight and finally, after 16 hours, we safely landed in Tokyo Japan. I had no idea what to expect because I had never gone out of the country alone - and certainly not without my mom, but it was the start of an unforgettable, cultural experience for us.

Here are some questions about my trip that I was asked when I returned.

1. What was the very first thing that surprised you when you arrived in Japan?

When I first arrived in Japan, the first thing that surprised me was definitely how clean and peaceful the environment was. Everything was put together, and even the streets were super clean. You can tell they care about their country.

2. What was your favorite place you visited, and what made it so special?

A favorite place that I visited was definitely the Nara Park. The park was filled with hundreds of free roaming deer. The deer would walk up to you and you could pet them and if you bowed to a deer, it would bow back.

3. Was there a food you tried that you had never eaten before? Would you eat it again?

One thing that I ate there was Wagyu beef. Wagyu is another word for Japanese cow. The beef would be on things like burgers, sushi, and also served on skewers. It definitely was something that cannot be mimicked here in America. It was delicious!

4. What did you notice about Japanese schools or teenagers that was different from your own high school?

Although we did not go into any of the schools there, we found out that the schools in Tokyo are year round and were still in session. One day when we were walking through a mall, we walked past a group of kids who appeared to be our age and I smiled and said "6-7." They immediately responded, "6-7" and we all laughed. It was fun to know that in some ways, kids are all alike.

5. Did you learn anything about Japanese culture that changed the way you see the world or yourself?

I think the way that they took care of themselves and their country made me see the way that we Americans treat America and our homes differently. It definitely showed how we seem to care less for the place we call home.

6. If another student had the chance to visit Japan, what advice would you give them before they go?

If someone else had a chance to visit Japan, I would definitely tell them to try all the different types of food they can, even if it doesn't look appealing because they may never get a chance to have that experience again. Also, they may find that they like the taste.

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Closing Question

"Overall, how would you describe your trip to Japan?" Overall, I definitely would say that visiting Japan was a life-changing and eye-opening experience for me and I'm grateful that I was given this opportunity at such a young age.

Finally, I thank God for allowing me to travel safely and I thank my SBC family for all of your prayers and thoughts. Special thanks to those who contributed financially to my trip. I really appreciate all of you.

Arigatou gozaimasu (thank you),
Kyla West.



日本



Japanese	Nippon
English	Japan

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National Night Out @ Sixth Baptist!
More info to come.



Guess who designed our shirts?
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The Metro Richmond Partnership of Churches/Synagogues
"New Shoes For Back To School" Ministry

WHERE:
Third Street Bethel A.M.E.
614 N. Third St., Richmond, VA 23219

WHEN:
Saturday, August 22, 2026

TIME:
8:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Sharon Baptist
Rev. Dr. Paul A. Coles, Pastor

Broad Rock Baptist
Kevin Cook, Pastor

Ebenezer Baptist
Kevin L. Jones, Pastor

First Baptist Midlothian
Pamela J. Johnson, Pastor

Sixth Baptist
Rev. Dr. Yvonne Jones Bibbs, Pastor

- Shoes For All Students (K-12)
- Size 10 Small (Kids) TO Size 15 (High School)
- No ID Needed
- Each Youth Will Receive One (1) Pair of Shoes

Shoe Drive August 22, 2026
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Third Street Bethel A.M.E.



FATHER'S DAY

Breakfast



**Minister Jonathan Bibbs,
Men's Day Morning Speaker**

Youth Director, Tonie Bailey giving VaKalyn Harris a gift for her accomplishments.



What time of day was Adam created?
A little before Eve.



Do you know who this precious baby is?
Answer on page 7



VACATION Bible School

@ Riverview Baptist Church



TUCKAHOE ASSOCIATION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
ENGLISH TEA
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

LOOL

1st and 3rd Sundays are Youth Ministry days.
All children, and youth meet in the Youth
Center downstairs. Hope to see you there!
Tonie Bailey
Youth Director



What is a mathematician's
favorite book of the
Bible?
Numbers.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



July 10th 1943, **Arthur Ashe** was born in Richmond, Virginia. He broke major racial barriers in sports, becoming the first Black man to win the singles title at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open



What drops but never hits the ground?

The temperature.



July 12, 1949 – **Frederick McKinley Jones** receives a patent for a mobile refrigeration system

Jones patented a revolutionary transport refrigeration unit that transformed the shipment of food, medicine, and blood supplies. His invention had a lasting impact on global commerce and healthcare.

Church Cook-In, Sunday July 5th, one of the many planned events for our Pastor's 25th Anniversary. What an awesome time of fellowship as "Pastor and People". The food was absolutely delish! Hamburgers, hot dogs, fried fish, baked beans, corn on the cob, pasta salads, cole slaw, desserts, and a sweet treat from the Kona Ice truck! Wow! if you missed it, you missed a special time.



Answer:

Jaleesa Pleasants

Church Cook-In Photo Credit: Val Pullen

Happy Birthday

David Anderson-6
Arlene Johnson-6
Diana Taylor-8
Juwan Turner-10
Cassie Moody- 11
George Black- 11
Eric McCutchen- 12
Eva Charity- 13
David Thompson- 13
Archie Johnson- 15

Lillian Owens - 17
Candace Freeburn- 17
Cory Randolph- 17
Levert Dandridge- 20
Andre Bennett- 20
Douglas Hicks- 20
Dawn McNeil- 22
Muriel Gumbs- 22
Jarrett Alston-22
Annie Bates- 27
Tiffany Owens- 30
Linda Parker- 31
Adam Pleasants- 31
Legacy Banks- 31
Jesse Thomas- 31



Join the
WOMEN'S
Ministry

SATURDAY,
JULY 11TH | **9:00**
— A.M. —

FOR A TIME OF
Fellowship and Planning

Sixth Baptist Church | 400 S Addison St
Rev. Dr. Yvonne Jones Bibbs, Pastor

*Strong in Faith
United in Purpose*

*Together
We Grow
and
Make an
Impact*



Save the date! The street naming ceremony for James “ Jimmy Lee” Bracey is **Sunday, August 30th at 2 pm** at the corner of Rosewood Avenue and Addison St. Mark your calendars! Details to follow.

Triggered

GUARDING YOUR HEART WHEN THE WORLD TRIES TO PRESS YOUR BUTTONS

A Bible Study with Min. Jonathan Bibbs

TRIGGERED confronts the spiritual danger of harboring offense and gives believers a biblical pathway back to peace. It's not about being passive. It's about being powerful enough to choose a different response.

Sixth Baptist Church | 400 S. Addison Street | Richmond, VA 23220
Rev. Dr. Yvonne Jones Bibbs, Pastor

Answer:

Katrina Yates

Check your emails and calling posts. There's always something you need to know